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HORTICULTURE FARMS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Horiticulture Farms in Karnataka and other parts of the country are running under losses;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to handover the farms on lease basis as a pilot project to use the resources in the interest of the nation;

(d) if so,the details thereof; and

(e) if not,the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): No, Sir.Horticulture Farms in Karnataka are not running under losses.These farms are being used for the production and supply of quality planting materials to the farmers and also have been developed as model farms for the dissemination of technology, demonstration of cultivation techniques etc.

(c) to (e): No, Sir.The Karnataka State Horticulture Development Agency which has recently been established by the Government of Karnataka is planning to develop all horticulture farms and nurseries in a professional manner for meeting the objectives of production of quality planting materials and for dissemination of technology and demonstration of cultivation techniques for adoption in various development programmes.